

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 22, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch  
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary  
Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program  
Planning

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Subjects Addressed: Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
proposed appropriations by Division  
Executive Action: none

**Fish Wildlife and Parks**

00:00:01 Chairman Ripley called the hearing to order  
00:00:27 Jim Kropp, Fish Wildlife and Parks(FWP), Law Enforcement  
Division DPs, power point presentation

**EXHIBIT(jnh14a01)**

**DP 402-Warden Overtime**

00:28:12 Mr. Kropp

**DP 403-Block Management**

00:31:33 Rep. Ripley  
00:31:38 Mr. Kropp

**DP 404-Parks Enforcement**

**DP 406-Board of Outfitters**

00:34:13 Sen. Hansen  
00:34:31 Mr. Kropp

**DP 407-Regional Investigators**

00:40:27 Mr. Kropp

**DP 409-Radio Dispatch**

00:40:56 Mr. Kropp  
00:41:39 Rep. Ripley  
00:41:51 Mr. Kropp  
00:41:56 Rep. Witte  
00:42:13 Barbara Smith  
00:42:30 Mr. Kropp

**DP 410-Off Highway Vehicles**

00:45:21 Mr. Kropp

**DP 411-Legislative Contract Authority**

00:46:04 Mr. Kropp

**DP 412-State Lands Wardens**

00:47:11 Mr. Kropp  
00:50:08 Sen. Tash  
00:50:41 Mr. Kropp  
00:51:10 Rep. Ripley  
00:51:16 Tom Shultz, DNRC  
00:58:25 Paul Grimstead, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol  
00:58:59 Sen. Tropila  
01:00:36 Mr. Kropp  
01:00:58 Rep. Ripley  
01:01:10 Sen. Hansen  
01:01:28 Ms. Smith  
01:01:55 Rep. Ripley  
01:02:16 Ms. Smith  
01:03:11 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
01:03:46 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP, power point  
presentation on Department of Management DPs

**EXHIBIT(jnh14a02)**

01:22:56 Rep. Ripley  
01:23:48 Mr. Smith

**DP 901-State Wildlife Grants & Energy Development**

01:39:35 Mr. Smith  
01:41:10 Rep. Ripley  
01:41:02 Ms. Smith  
01:41:35 Mr. Smith

**DP 903-Citizen Advisory Committees**

01:43:01 Mr. Smith

**DP 915-River Recreation Management Program**

01:44:30 Mr. Smith  
01:47:30 Sen. Tash  
01:47:55 Mr. Smith  
01:49:26 Rep. Ripley  
01:49:44 Mr. Smith  
  
01:50:35 Sue Daly, FWP CFO-continued presentation of  
Management and Finance DP's

**DP 905-Search and Rescue Base Adjustment**

**DP 907-Commission Expense Adjustment**

**DP 908-Seasonal Overtime**

01:53:48 Ms. Daly  
01:53:54 Rep. Ripley  
01:54:05 Ms. Daly

**DP 911-Statute Book Printing**

**DP 909-Management and Finance Overhead Refund**

01:55:35 Sen. Tropila  
01:56:09 Ms. Daly  
01:56:13 Ken Hansen  
01:56:17 Ms. Daly  
01:56:54 Sen. Hansen  
01:57:13 Ms. Smith  
01:58:10 Ms. Daly

**Management and Finance Rate Approval/Proprietary Funds**

02:00:38 Ms. Daly  
02:02:22 Sen. Tash  
02:02:40 Ms. Daly  
02:03:07 Rep. Witte  
02:03:41 Ms. Daly

**Public Comment**

02:04:33 Rich Day, Montana Wildlife Federation  
**EXHIBIT(jnh14a03)**  
02:07:57 Bill Geer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
**EXHIBIT(jnh14a04)**  
02:14:15 Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of  
Land Trusts  
**EXHIBIT(jnh14a05)**  
02:18:11 Mark Aagenes, Trout Unlimited  
  
02:22:03 Break  
02:31:12 Reconvene  
  
02:31:27 Mr. Hagener  
02:31:58 Chris Hunter, Administrator, FWP Fisheries Division  
power point presentation on Fisheries Division DPs.  
**EXHIBIT(jnh14a06)**

**DP 301-Ft. Peck Base Adjustment**

02:53:07 Mr. Hunter  
02:56:12 Rep. Witte  
02:56:46 Mr. Hunter  
02:57:57 Rep. Witte  
02:58:47 Mr. Hunter

**DP 302-Fish Management Biologists and Technicians**

03:01:22 Mr. Hunter  
03:03:00 Rep. Ripley  
03:03:14 Mr. Hunter  
03:04:02 Rep. Ripley  
03:04:09 Mr. Hunter  
03:04:52 Rep. Ripley  
03:05:20 Mr. Hunter

**DP 303-Operations Cost Adjustment**

03:11:24 Mr. Hunter

**DP 307-Fisheries Legislative Contract Authority**  
**One Time Only**

03:12:38 Mr. Hunter

**DP 306-Fisheries Statewide Wildlife Grants**

03:17:07 Mr. Hunter

**DP 308-Fisheries Overhead Refund**

03:17:41 Mr. Hunter

**Public Comment/Testimony**

03:18:19 Mr. Aagenes  
03:20:17 Rep. Witte  
03:20:37 Mr. Aagenes  
03:20:46 Rep. Witte  
03:21:57 Mr. Aagenes  
03:22:05 Rep. Ripley  
03:24:03 Mr. Aagenes  
03:26:16 Rich Day, Montana Wildlife Federation  
03:27:27 Rep. Ripley  
03:27:55 Ms. Smith

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:28:40 Adjournment

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REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

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CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jnh14aad.pdf](#))**